

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 29-35 and 48 are allowed.

Claims 1-28 and 36-47 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In response to the Examiner's objections, Applicants have: a) amended the specification to recite the claim for priority at the first sentence; b) cancelled nonelected claims without prejudice; and c) amended the abstract to be no longer than 150 words.

As such, withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 43,575, at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--~~An original method to produce polymeric~~ Polymeric products ~~is described,~~ which after special cross-linking ~~becomes~~ become macroreticular and ~~acquires~~ acquire the ability to absorb organic solvents and petroleum products which are released in the water basins ~~or on the sea,~~ in the amount of 40-80 gram of oily matter/gram of polymer. The macroreticular polymers include polystyrene, trimeric copolymer with styrene, ethylene, butadiene (SEBS) elastomeric SBR with styrene 10%, 20% and 40% fully hydrogenated to saturation, which after special cross-linking in chlorinated solvents with a cross-linking agent forms a thick cross-linked mass which is cut and deodorized. These products are used in a polypropylene net and are swept on the surface of water basins, harbors or the surface of sea to collect the oily matter and the petroleum by endomolecular absorption and by external surface adherence, and the loaded net is washed with petroleum to remove all absorbed oily matter as useful fuel. The net with the absorbing polymers is then ready for reuse.--